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## DIGEST

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HB 223 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the employees of the Iberville Parish Parks and Recreation District.

Present law creates and provides for the Iberville Parish Parks and Recreation District as a body corporate in law with all the powers and rights of a political subdivision. Authorizes the district to adopt and implement a parishwide recreation and parks program. Provides for district boundaries and provides that the governing authority of Iberville Parish is the governing authority of the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To acquire, purchase, lease as lessee, and hold and use any property, immovable, movable, or mixed, corporeal or incorporeal, or any interest therein, and to sell, transfer, lease as lessor, and dispose of any property or interest therein at any time acquired by the board.
- (2) To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise and to construct, improve, maintain, and operate park and recreational facilities and to administer programs which it deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of the district.
- (3) To enter into agreements with any person or persons, corporation, association, or other entity, including public corporations, political subdivisions, municipalities, the U.S. government and agencies thereof, the state of La. or any of its agencies, or any combination thereof for the operation of any or all park and recreation properties and facilities.
- (4) To enter into contracts with any public or private entity in carrying out its corporate objectives, including, but not limited to contracts for construction or acquisition of property and facilities incident to the purposes of the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the board to appoint, employ, and fix the salary of a full-time director of parks and recreation and to also employ and fix the salaries, duties, and responsibilities of an assistant director and such additional staff as necessary to operate park and recreational facilities and programs.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the employees of the district shall become employees of Iberville Parish upon the adoption of an ordinance by the parish governing authority. Requires that the ordinance provide that the employees are subject to the same administrative rules and regulations as other parish employees and are eligible to receive compensation and benefits as provided for other parish employees. Authorizes any parish employee to perform services to, or on behalf of, the district pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the parish and the district.

(Amends R.S. 33:4569.1(B)(2))